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PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of

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09/155,116

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For: ALTERATION OF MICROBIAL POPULATIONS IN THE GASTROINTESTINAL  
TRACT

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, after the title, please insert the following:

--CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION:

This application is a Divisional of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/155,116, filed on January 29, 1999, which is a 371 of PCT/AU97/00174, filed March 20, 1997.--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 5, 22, 24 - 27 and 30 - 31 as follows:

5. The method according to claim 3 wherein the resistant starch is selected from high